

# EXHIBIT A

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE  
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NOVARTIS PHARMACEUTICALS  
CORPORATION

Plaintiff,

v.

ABBOTT LABORATORIES,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 00-784-JJF

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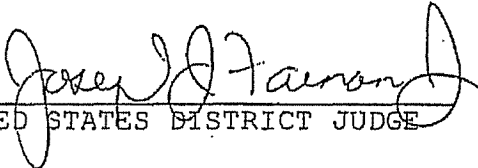
WHEREAS presently pending before the Court is a Motion To Strike Novartis' Responsive Claim Construction Brief, Or In The Alternative, Motion For Leave To File A Surreply Claim Construction Brief (D.I. 138) filed by Defendant Abbott Laboratories (hereinafter "Abbott") and a Motion For Leave To File A Reply Brief In Response To Defendant Abbott's Responsive And Surreply Claim Construction Briefs (D.I. 143) filed by Plaintiff Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation's (hereinafter "Novartis");

WHEREAS, the Court concludes that additional disputed terms are now in dispute;

WHEREAS, the parties have filed their proposed "Surreply" and "Reply" briefs as exhibits to their respective Motions (D.I. 138, Ex. A; D.I. 144, Ex. A) in violation of Local Rule 7.1.2 (c);

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED this 20 day of  
February, 2002 that:

- 1) Abbott's Motion To Strike Novartis' Responsive Claim  
Construction Brief (D.I. 138-1) is DENIED;
- 2) Abbott's Motion For Leave To File A Surreply Claim  
Construction Brief (D.I. 138-2) is GRANTED;
- 3) Novartis' Motion For Leave To File A Reply Brief In  
Response To Defendant Abbott's Responsive And Surreply  
Claim Construction Briefs (D.I. 143) is GRANTED;
- 4) Abbott and Novartis shall formally file their  
respective "Surreply" and "Reply" briefs with the Court  
within ten (10) days of the date of this Order;
- 5) No further claim construction briefing will be  
permitted.

  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE